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EAT

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Congratulations, Gold Coast—you're the new home for the fourth outpost of the all-natural burger chain in Chicago. Grab a burger and a shake for lunch or stop in after work to take advantage of the spot's BYOB status. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Prices vary.

DRINK

PICK YOUR POISON

Lillie's Q

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MASTERING MIXOLOGY

Chen's Chinese and Sushi

3506 N. Clark St. 773-549-9100

Flawlessly concoct a signature cocktail for your next party after learning a few tricks from this holiday martini class. Five seasonal drinks are on the syllabus, including a chocolate-mint recipe. Appetizers and samples are included, as well as a $20 gift certificate for a future visit. 6:30 p.m. $20.

DO

FREE **GATHER 'ROUND**

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Hang with founding members of the This Much is True storytelling series at this month's showcase. Hear stories of all sorts from special guests such as Don Hall of Moth StorySlam and travel and arts writer Victoria Cunha. Surrender to the seasonal spirit with holiday brews as you listen, and feel free to don your favorite winter sweater. 7:30 p.m.

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THE TEBOW DEBATE

The Denver QB's got major faith—why are people so up in arms about religion?

Denver quarterback Tim Tebow kneels in prayer before the game against the Bears. US PRESSWIRE

Chicago Tribune

As if gridiron rivalries weren't intense enough, Tim Tebow has brought God into it.

But the Denver Broncos' quarterback isn't the first professional football player to profess his Christian faith on the field. In fact, for centuries, athletes around the world have credited victories to forces mightier than their own.

So why is everyone so taken aback by Tebow, whose team embarrassed the Bears on Sunday in Denver?

Perhaps it's the convergence of two sensitive seasons—football and the holidays. As people of faith fight over menorahs and creches, Hanukkah bushes and Christmas trees, it seems only natural that football faithful would debate whether players and prayers belong in the same arena.

Larry Taunton, author of "The Grace Effect," argues that the mimicking of Tebow's prayerful posture, now popularly known as "Tebowing," is just another attack on Christianity in the public square. He points to the Detroit Lions' player who was largely ignored when he bowed down in mock prayer after sacking Tebow earlier this year.

"We're increasingly treating Christianity like smoking," said Taunton, who hosted a fiery Twitter chat and wrote a column for USA Today on the controversy about Tebow last week. "You can do it, but only in the designated areas. Don't bring it into the public arena."

Joseph Price, a religion and sports scholar who has written about the Super Bowl as a religious festival, said prayer and pigskin have peacefully co-existed for years, and the NFL, perhaps understandably, has done little to stop it. He refers to post-game prayers in the early 1990s when opposing teams knelt together midfield, stirring the ire of some fans.

But in Tebow's case, something seems different. He's an unconventional, run-first quarterback without the strongest throwing arm. And he throws left-handed, which is not to be discounted as a factor in how Tebow is perceived, Price said.

But, Price said, some attitudes toward Tebow are well beyond his control. Fans and entrepreneurs are amplifying the player's professions of faith to create a messianic sort of marketing message, he said. After all, the Broncos are winning with him as a starting quarterback.

"For me, the Tebowing is certainly a genuine expression on his part given his off-field attitudes and expressions," said Price, author of "From Season to Season: Sports as American Religion."

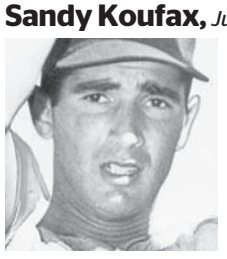
"I also think it has a great deal of fascination right now because the Broncos' season has been miraculously resurrected. ... It's not clear Tebow endorses that kind of identification of him as a Jesus figure or savior, even though the Broncos would love to see him be the second coming of John Elway," their two-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback.

JOCKS OF FAITH

Here are a few other pros known for putting God before the game.

BASEBALL

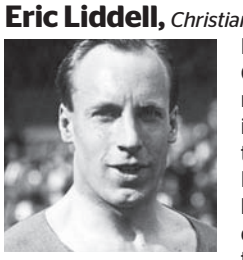
Sandy Koufax, *Judaism*



The decision to sit out Game 1 of the 1965 World Series because it fell on Yom Kippur, the holiest day on the Jewish calendar, earned Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Sandy Koufax national attention, and some derision. The scorn didn't last. Koufax returned to throw two shutouts and the Dodgers won the series.

TRACK AND FIELD

Eric Liddell, *Christianity*



Born to Christian missionaries, Scottish track star Eric Liddell had to withdraw from the 100-meter race in the 1924 Paris Olympics because he refused to compete on Sunday. Instead, he trained for the 400 meters, run a different day, and won the gold medal. Liddell's journey was portrayed nearly 60 years later in the Academy Award-winning film "Chariots of Fire."

HOCKEY

Jeff Halpern, *Judaism*

Jeff Halpern, captain of the Washington Capitals in 2005, got less attention than Koufax for sitting out a regular-season game on the eve of Yom Kippur. The team lost that night against the Carolina Hurricanes. Halpern went on to have one of his better seasons.

BASKETBALL

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, *Islam*

Retired NBA player Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf refused to rise for "The Star-Spangled Banner" before games, arguing that to do so would violate his Islamic beliefs. He cited a long history of tyranny by the U.S. and the nation's flag as a symbol of oppression. Ultimately, he and the NBA agreed that he would stand during the national anthem, but could look downward and pray.

FOOTBALL

Kurt Warner, *Christianity*

After the St. Louis Rams' Super Bowl victory in 2000, now-retired NFL quarterback Kurt Warner came off the field and told a reporter: "First things first, I've got to thank my Lord and savior up above—thank you, Jesus!" He expressed similar gratitude when he led the Arizona Cardinals to a Super Bowl nine years later. Nonetheless, Warner has cautioned that Tebow should "put down the boldness."

Have an 'L' of a good holiday

GOING PUBLIC

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas transit. Shopping bags are filling train seats, and buses are crawling along high-traffic shopping corridors. To keep you in good cheer, Going Public has devised a December transit road map so you can have happy haul-idays.

» That new iPhone is cool and all, but I'm gonna have to stop you from pulling it out on the train. Thieves are watching for distracted riders. Watch your bags, especially at transit stops near stores with pricey products such as the North/Clybourn stop (Apple store) and State/Lake (Macy's).

» If you're in a hurry, try to avoid express buses that travel State Street in the Loop and North Michigan Avenue. Buses are slowed by taxis that stop in the right lane to pick up passengers with multiple bags. Use train service when possible.

» Keep your spirits up by visiting the CTA's annual holiday train. There are only seven days left to ride the bedazzled train this year. Follow the CTA's Twitter account (**@cta**) for up-to-the-minute train location and delays. At some stops, lines form early for the train, so factor that into your timing.

» Buy your transit cards before you get to the station. The line for cards can be longer this time of the year thanks to confused tourists. This is especially the case at the Midway and O'Hare stops.

» Set a good example for a smoother ride. Trains can seem more crowded than they are because riders are wearing bulky coats and accessories. Don't put your bags and coats on a seat if a rider wants to sit down. Also, be careful when swinging bags so you don't hit other riders.

» Although they can be annoying and slow travel, please help the tourists out with directions. 'Tis the season for good will and good "L."

RIDER'S BLOCK

My pledge to ride every CTA bus line continues. I rode the No. 81W-West Lawrence last week and boiled my review down to a tweet.

@tracyswartz 23 mins from Jefferson Park to Cumberland Blue Line. Gives the Blue Line a run for its money on speed. Goes thru Harwood Heights, Norridge.

Record: 137 routes down, 2 to go!
Next up: No. 54A-North Cicero/Skokie Blvd.

Transit challenge

The votes have been tallied and the winner of the Apps For Metro Chicago Grand Challenge contest is ... not going to be announced until Friday. The challenge pits the top apps from the community and transit rounds against 10 new entries. Prizes are awarded to developers based on civic value, functionality and creativity. Some transit apps in the running are:

» Taxi Share Chicago: You can find others going to your destination and share a cab with them.

» Wasmycartowed.com: Find out if your car has been towed.

» What's Driving Costing You Chicago: Compute your fuel costs, vehicle emissions and other factors to see how much it costs you to drive in the city.

TRACK THE HOLIDAY TRAIN

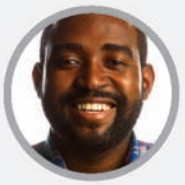
The CTA holiday train will travel Wednesday, Friday and Saturday on the Red Line and Thursday and Saturday on the Purple Line. Go to **redeyechicago.com/holidaytrain** to upload your holiday train snaps.

DAILY DEBATE

GROWN-UPS

HE SAID/ SHE SAID

The website of Relevant magazine, which covers faith, culture and living, on Monday posted this list: 11 Things to Know at 25(ish). RedEye staffers weighed in with their own life advice. Read their full thoughts at **redeyechicago.com**.



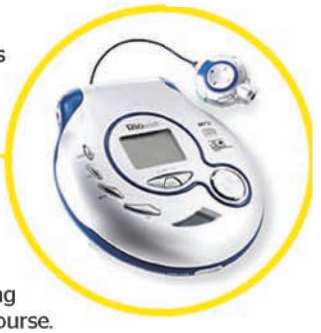
Ernest Wilkins
Stop comparing yourself to other people: You're starting to get to that age where you're older than most NBA players, not to mention Playboy centerfolds. Don't get discouraged if you haven't made the new Facebook or something; you are only in competition with your expectations. If you think you can beat the world in a certain category, go for it and hold nothing back, but there's no point in holding yourself to someone else's benchmark.

Emily Van Zandt
Forget "opposites attract." If all your boyfriend does with his evenings is play Halo and you hate video games, chances are it's not going to work. Love dance music? '80s movies? Art museums? Sushi? Whatever it is, your significant other better be willing to accept it. We're too old to start changing our tastes now.

HASHTAG FEVER

You know those random trending topics that show up on Twitter? Well, #WhenIWas13 caught our eye Monday. Here are some of our favorite #WhenIWas13 tweets.

@kylielomelin: #WhenIWas13 I wore black clothes and was angry all the time. I'm sure glad that's over.



@jimmyj7377: #wheniwas13 my portable CD player was a necessity on EVERY field trip... along with my CD case of course.

@KnoxvillePains: #WhenIWas13 I was shopping at Limited Too. Ew.

@AllBlaq Blaqjacc: #WhenIWas13 BET was still a channel that had to do with music & played music videos

@Justbeingme_tif: #wheniwas13 i wanted to grow up and be just like hannah montanna!

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WHERE'S REDEYE?

Is your favorite RedEye box empty? Don't get mad—get on your phone. Use the hashtag #wheresredeye and post a pic of the empty box and its location on Twitter or Instagram. Our team is watching—because nobody should be deprived of a daily RedEye.

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ESCAPE FROM CHICAGO

Escape from Chicago
10 excellent ways to make sure your holiday travel isn't a trip from hell

Go to sleep

Stuck in an airport overnight? Try to catch some shuteye. The 2011 worst airports in North America to sleep in, according to the Budget Traveller's Guide to Sleeping in Airports (yes that's an actual thing), are:

1. Los Angeles
2. New York City, LaGuardia
3. Newark
4. New York City, JFK
5. Miami

10 EXCELLENT WAYS TO MAKE SURE YOUR HOLIDAY TRAVEL ISN'T A TRIP FROM HELL

By Georgia Garvey
REDEYE

It's a time-worn holiday tradition: You drag yourself to the airport, stand in the security line for hours, cram yourself onto a crowded plane and pay through the nose for the right to do so.

If recent data is correct, though, holiday travel in general is becoming something more Americans are deciding they can—or have to—do without.

"Holiday travel has been one of the most resilient traditions of Americans," said Rick Garlick, senior director of consulting and strategic implementation for marketing company Maritz. Yet with the economy still in the gutter and unemployment high, a poll Maritz conducted found record-low numbers of people will travel this holiday season.

Just 21 percent of those polled planned to travel for the holidays this year, down from 28 percent in 2010. "When you project that over millions of Americans, it's pretty significant," Garlick said.

People taking flights out of Chicago might be in the biggest pickle—prices are high, even though fewer people are flying, according to Mark Murphy, a travel writer and president and CEO of Travel Alliance.

The biggest issue with travel this year is air[fare]," he said. "There are fewer seats ... . Add supply and demand, and you are paying a huge premium to fly."

A recent search showed a roundtrip nonstop flight from O'Hare to LAX from Dec. 23 to 26 costs about $560 on United Airlines and a roundtrip flight from Midway to New York's LaGuardia Airport on Southwest for the same time period would be about $660. Flying from Midway to Atlanta on Delta runs about $340 for the same dates.

Add to the stress of high prices an increasingly rough airport experience, with full-body X-rays and pat-downs, and it's like a mixed-martial arts contest of traveler vs. the world. To help with this year's trip, RedEye stacks up tips for navigating the modern-day jungle that is holiday travel out of Chicago.

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Check transportation

Looking for an exit strategy? **Ohare.com** shows delays on the Blue and Orange lines, as well as real-time traffic, weather and parking updates.

Slow? Just say no

According to CTA maps, the Blue Line from Forest Park to O'Hare has slow zones, areas where trains have to go slower because it could be unsafe to hit higher speeds. The Orange Line, on the other hand, is 100 percent slow-zone-free.

Research!

If you're already on your way to the airport, it's probably too late to do anything about checked bag fees. But you can save (literally) a buck or two by paying online. According to **airfarewatchdog.com**, fees for one checked bag are: AirTran: $15, American/Virgin America/Delta: $25, United/Continental/US Air: $25 (save $2 by paying online) and JetBlue/Southwest: $0.

Buy those tickets

According to **cheapflights.com**, you don't have to buy your holiday tickets months in advance. People who snagged theirs in early December might get the best deals. But no, it's probably not the best idea to wait until the day of.

Jet setter?

The Centers for Disease Control And Prevention says you can take some steps to avoid jet lag or lessen its effect. The CDC website urges travelers to drink water (duh), move around and sleep during flights (hard to do both, though) and avoid caffeine, alcohol and big meals (perfect advice for the holidays, right?).

Fly out of Midway

If there's an option, or if Midway's the way you're already headed, good news: There are a few benefits to the South Side airport. The Tribune reports Midway boasts a (tiny) edge over O'Hare in on-time arrivals (74.4 vs. 67.6 percent), arrival delays (14.2 vs. 18.8 minutes), on-time holiday departures (76.4 vs. 72.1 percent) and average security wait time (7 minutes vs. 9 minutes).

Eat in

Schlepping carry-on bags, books, laptop and a coat to the food court in the airport? Not necessarily necessary anymore. If you're flying out of O'Hare and have an Android phone or iPhone, you can download "B4 You Board," an app that allows you to get your food delivered to your gate. Your options aren't unlimited, and they don't deliver to every gate in Terminal 3, but it could come in handy.

Dealing

The CDC has some extremely specific advice about how long you can expect to be suffering the ill effects of a flight. According to their site, "after eastward flights, jet lag lasts for the number of days roughly equal to two-thirds the number of time zones crossed; after westward flights, the number of days is roughly half the number of time zones."

Fine time?

Be on the watch for delays. Earlier this month, American Eagle was fined $900,000 for breaking rules that prohibited keeping passengers stuck on the tarmac for too long, the first time legislation on the much-hated practice has been put to use. "We put the tarmac rule in place to protect passengers, and we take any violation very seriously," Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said in a post on the Department of Transportation's website.

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FYI Former CTA Chairman Carole Brown was appointed Monday to serve on the Regional Transportation Authority board.

TAXI PILE DRIVER

Mayor: More eyes will be on cabs, drivers

Chicago Tribune

Acknowledging that Chicago falls short in regulating the safety of taxis, Mayor Emanuel on Monday proposed a list of reforms that include closer monitoring of tickets issued to cabdrivers and a 12-hour limit on a cabbie's workday.

The proposals, which will be introduced to the City Council on Wednesday, follow a Tribune investigative series that spotlighted dangerous cab drivers and the city's inability to keep them off the road.

"Higher safety is the goal, and that hasn't been the case to date. And you can see it many times by some of the [local media's] reporting," Emanuel said at a news conference outside the Merchandise Mart. "So what we're going to do is ensure the safety, quality of the ride and the fuel efficiency of the vehicle and it's going to change that whole experience."

The proposed reforms are intended to fix a system that allowed many cabbies to rack up dozens of traffic violations and remain behind the wheel.

The city will be keeping a closer eye on cab drivers' traffic records under a proposal announced Monday by Mayor Emanuel. TRIBUNE

But while the plan addresses many of the issues raised by the Tribune investigation, it doesn't take up one of the major findings: the failure of the city's administrative hearing process to discipline cabbies with the worst driving records.

Under the proposed new system, the Secretary of State's office and Chicago police would regularly provide city officials with the traffic record of cabbies, allowing better tracking of those who accrue repeated violations.

"We will have access in real-time to moving violations and traffic accidents that involve taxi cabs," said Rosemary Krimbel, Commissioner of the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection.

The city currently does not track traffic tickets issued to cabbies, who only have to produce a copy of their driving records once a year for their cabbie license renewal.

The proposed 12-hour limit on a driver's day is in line with federal motor vehicle safety laws. The city also wants to institute mandatory behind-the-wheel training, something that now doesn't exist.

In an effort to enforce the 12-hour cap, the use of GPS and other technologies would be required in taxis to allow the city to check on how long drivers are staying on the road. Maximum fines for companies violating some of the new regulations would increase from $1000 to $5000.

Transportation safety advocates lauded the proposals as an encouraging step forward for the city, which hasn't significantly revamped its taxi regulations in more than a decade.

BIZ SPOT

Anheuser-Busch announced Monday it is keeping the bulk of its Bud Light advertising business in Chicago. After a lengthy review, the Chicago office of McGarryBowen was named as the lead creative agency on the account, working in partnership with Translation Advertising in New York. TRIBUNE

EXPRESS LINES

» A City Council committee on Monday approved paying more than $3 million to settle two cases of alleged misconduct that, according to one key alderman, indicated "a troubling pattern" in Chicago Police Department lockups.

» The Illinois House voted 81-28 to approve a tax-break package aimed at keeping Sears Holdings and CME Group Inc. from exiting the state. The Senate is expected to consider the two packages Tuesday.

» Chicago pit traders are up in arms against a CME Group plan to use electronic trading to set grain and livestock closing prices, a move they fear will drive another nail in the coffin of open-outcry dealing. TRIBUNE, REUTERS

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Matt Conbody has a large football memorabilia collection at his home in Roscoe. He says he does exhaustive research before making a big purchase. Conbody especially looks for photo documentation that shows matching stains on jerseys. STACEY WESCOTT/TRIBUNE

JERSEY ROAR

Chicago Tribune

With every scuff, stain and tear adding value, football jerseys from a bruising Sunday NFL afternoon can be trophies for collectors.

The damage, of course, is expected to occur during a game—on the field and while worn by a player. But that doesn't always happen.

By doctoring hundreds of jerseys over several years, federal authorities say, Jarrod Oldridge and others deceived collectors and profited illegally.

Oldridge's legal troubles didn't cost him his company's contract with the Bears, who said the criminal activity covered a period before they partnered. But at least two other NFL teams are moving to sever ties with the Las Vegas company while fans and collectors are left wondering whom to trust.

The episode is the latest reminder of the risk fans and collectors face when they buy expensive memorabilia, whether it's an autograph, an old ball or puck, or game-worn equipment.

Unless a player is seen signing an item or giving his jersey to a fan—a la "Mean" Joe Greene in a 1979 Coke commercial—there is no guarantee of authenticity in memorabilia.

"The only way to know if it is for sure [authentic] is to watch the guy wear it and throw it to you," said Joel Levine, a New York attorney whose now-defunct company, Game Exclusives, held a similar contract with the Bears during its 2006 Super Bowl season.

The stakes have only grown as teams and memorabilia companies market history as it occurs, with uniforms and equipment collected after every game. For instance, Brian Urlacher's jersey from a November game against Detroit is available from JO Sports, Oldridge's company, for $8,500.

According to court records, Oldridge admitted that from 2004-08 he and others doctored jerseys and then sold them to other companies, including trading card businesses. Five others were charged as part of a five-year federal sting. Oldridge, 37, faces up to 20 years in prison and a $250,000 fine. Oldridge pleaded guilty to federal charges in November; his sentencing is scheduled for May.

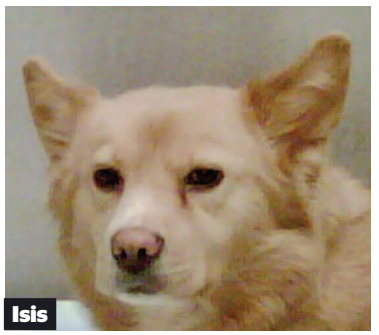
THE DIGIT

$20 MILLION

The CTA will receive a $20 million federal grant to complete slow zone repairs on the O'Hare branch of the Blue Line, Sen. Dick Durbin, (D-Ill.) announced Monday. The funding will be used to eliminate slow zones on 3.6 miles of track on the Blue Line between Damen and Belmont avenues. It marks the last section of badly deteriorated track that will undergo repairs between downtown and O'Hare. TRIBUNE

Police-involved shooting on 'L'

Chicago police shot and killed a man at an "L" station Sunday night when they said he pointed two pistols at officers. The dead man was identified Monday morning by the Cook County medical examiner's office as Frank Steponaitis, 55, of the 2000 block of South Blue Island Avenue. TRIBUNE



Isis

Abused dog likely to find home

Isis, an abused shepherd terrier mix, likely is going to find a new home, thanks to the support of local dog lovers.

After a Monday story in the Tribune detailing how Isis was abandoned by her owners and attacked by children, at least a dozen calls poured into the city's Animal Care & Control from residents looking to adopt her.

Isis' owners let her go Saturday because they said the landlord of their new apartment in East Garfield Park did not allow pets.

Neighbors say the shepherd terrier mix paced the sidewalk outside the new home, howling and barking in the cold weather for more than four hours. Police found several kids trying to beat Isis with baseball bats and broomsticks around 6 p.m. on the 600 block of North Drake Avenue, according to a police report.

The report also indicated that Isis had not been given food or water for an unidentified amount of time. Police charged Lashon Johnson with misdemeanor animal cruelty.

Man killed in Chatham fire

A 52-year-old man was killed late Sunday night in an apartment fire in the Chatham from which several other people were rescued, authorities said. The fire in the 200 block of East 83rd Street was called in about 9:40 p.m., according to the Chicago Fire Department.

Gas explosion in Skokie

At least one person was injured when a gas explosion blew out the front of a two-flat in Skokie on Monday morning, officials said. Neighbor James Smith, 31, said he woke up at 8:30 a.m. and saw flames engulfing the building in the 8700 block of North Kimball Avenue. TRIBUNE

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Obama: Iraq remains a partner

1 President Obama on Monday pledged that Washington would remain a strong partner for Iraq as U.S. troops exit by year-end, and played down the risk this departure creates a power vacuum Iran can exploit.

The withdrawal of almost all U.S. troops from Iraq by Dec. 31 has created uncertainty at a time the region remains roiled by the Arab Spring, and amid fear Syrian instability could spread sectarian strife into neighboring Iraq. REUTERS PHOTO

Court: Transgender workers protected

2 A federal appeals court in Atlanta has concluded transgender workers are protected under the Constitution. A Georgia woman had sued after claiming she was fired from her state position because of a sex change.

Occupy protests shut West Coast ports

Protesters chanting, "Whose port? Our port!" protested at West Coast ports Monday, temporarily shutting down some of the facilities in a protest against what they called corporate greed.

REUTERS

Va. Tech remembers slain police officer

3 The Virginia Tech community on Monday remembered Deriek Crouse, the police officer who was gunned down last week while conducting a routine traffic stop on campus.

Lowe's removed its ads from TLC's "All-American Muslim." The move received backlash from California Sen. Ted Lieu and those supporting the show, which premiered last month and airs at 9 p.m. Sundays on the network. GETTY IMAGES

Firestorm after ads pulled

Lowe's was facing backlash Monday from players in politics and entertainment after deciding to pull its advertisements from TLC's "All-American Muslim."

The series follows five Muslim families living in Dearborn, Mich., and Lowe's told CNN over the weekend that it has received "a significant amount of communication from every perspective possible" regarding the show.

"Individuals and groups have strong political and social views on this topic, and this program became a lightning rod for many of those views."

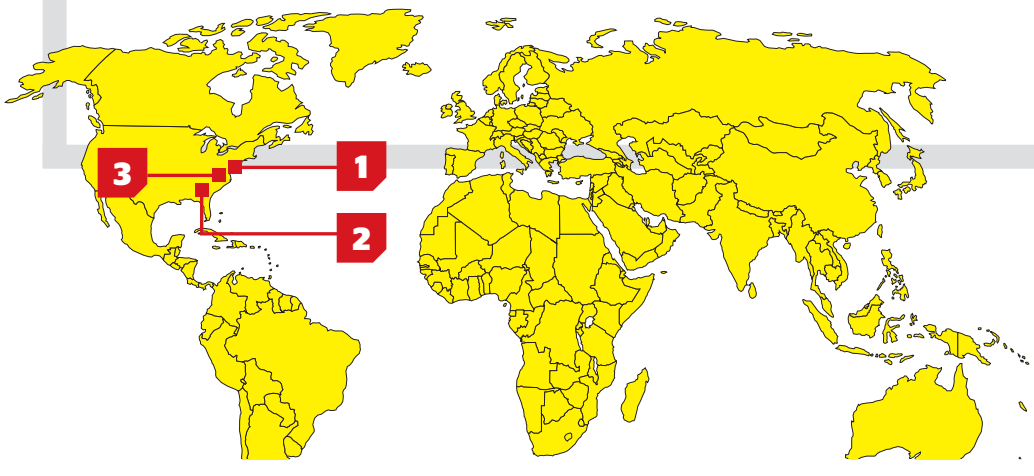
The move has received support from the Florida Family Association, which said the TLC series is "propaganda that riskily hides the Islamic agenda's clear and present danger to American liberties and traditional values," but others have spoken out against it.

There's a petition out to encourage advertisers to continue supporting the series, and California Sen. Ted Lieu has also expressed his disagreement with Lowe's decision.

Lieu wrote a letter to Lowe's CEO calling the company's removal of ad spots from the program "bigoted, shameful and un-American," as well as "profoundly ignorant."

Russell Simmons, chairman of The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, calling foul on Lowe's play.

"This can't happen in America, [Lowe's] needs to fix this immediately. ...There are American principles at stake here," Simmons told Entertainment Weekly. "This country is built on religious freedom. This is the kind of hate that tears the country apart."



THE DIGIT

$18 billion

Estimated assets of Russian investor Mikhail Prokhorov, who has said he will challenge Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin in next year's presidential election. Prokhorov also owns the New Jersey Nets.

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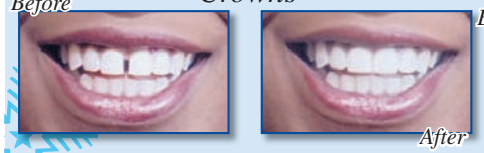
Crowns



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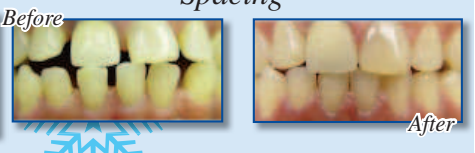

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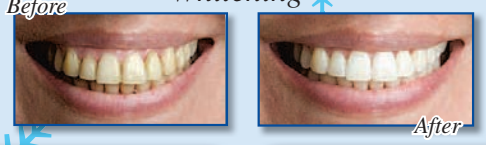

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This might be too good to be true: Blackhawks star Patrick Kane recently was filmed for 36 hours straight as part of a documentary series. "NHL 36: Patrick Kane" debuts at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday on Versus, and we can't wait to see what the cameras caught. If we're lucky, they will show Kane ...

Inside his place
Maybe he's had the puck from his Stanley Cup-winning goal all along.

At Coach Quenneville's place
Kane should check the coach's medicine cabinet to see how he keeps his 'stache looking stylish.

Taking a cab ride
He must have learned his lesson about tipping by now, right? Right?

In the locker room
If we're lucky, we'll see "Captain Serious" Jonathan Toews crack a joke. Or a smile, at least.

On the town
Does he break out the "Kaner Shuffle" when he hears Jimmy Buffett? Has he been Tebowing?

Getting his driver's license
We can find out whether Kane really is 23 years old. We've seen his playoff beard, and we're skeptical.

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WHAT SECRETS WILL THE HAWKS STAR REVEAL IN NEW DOCUMENTARY?

No Hall pass for cheaters

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Oh great, another pain in the asterisk* for baseball.

When I heard Milwaukee outfielder Ryan Braun may have violated Major League Baseball's drug policy, I rolled my eyes and thought "not again."

Every instance of cheating is like a fastball to the ribcage**: It's gonna leave a mark. By taking performance enhancers, players are either saying "I can't hack it without help" or "all I care about is a monster contract." Both are insults to fans, and violations should not be brushed off simply because they've become commonplace.

Braun, the newly minted National League MVP, should tread carefully. Cubs fans in particular know what happens when players dig in on these matters. Sammy Sosa's stubbornness helped buy his ticket to obscurity. Ditto for Roger Clemens and Rafael Palmeiro***.

Players who have figured out it's better to apologize—including Alex Rodriguez and Mark McGwire—regain some goodwill. Learn from them, Mr. Braun. One mistake does not have to undo a career. If you're guilty, it's best to accept the 50-game suspension and move on.

Where the line is drawn, however, is the Hall of Fame. There should be no room for doubt (or a special wing****) as to how great a player is, and we don't get an accurate sense of that when performance enhancers are involved. We can't say, for example, that using Drug Cocktail X equals 10 percent more home runs or 5 percent more hits. We just don't know.

It would be fun to see someone legitimately chase 61 homers. Or 755. Sadly, it might be ages before we can be confident that what we're witnessing is genuine.

Braun has denied wrongdoing, and for his sake I hope he's exonerated. Otherwise, compounding a lie with false indignation could ruin him. For the fans' sake, if not your own, make some amends.

* Lots more where this came from.

** We're talking a Kerry Wood-in-his-prime heater, not a Mark Buehrle lob.

*** Don't even get me started on Barry Bonds.

**** See how annoying asterisks are? Arrrgh!

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	Phil Thompson	Scott Bolohan	Clark Jones	John Dooley	Christine Pawlak
1 How has your perception of Tim Tebow changed after Sunday?	Not at all. My perception of Urlacher did, however. You lost, take it like a man, you big, bald baby.	His beard and hair are much shorter than I anticipated.	We know he's not Jesus now—it was a brother with dreadlocks who got crucified Sunday.	Yes. I believe he's an amazing quarterback when the safeties play 35 yards off the ball.	He really can't throw, but to quote REO Speedwagon, "I can't fight this feeling anymore."
2 What was Matt Forte thinking as he watched Sunday's game?	"Marion Barber doesn't have a leg to stand on—and I would know!"	"I bet I could hit a 40-yard field goal if I practiced a little."	"Wow, if Tebow can pull off this comeback, there's hope for me and LeBron's hair lining."	"San Diego's nice. I like Tampa, too. But what about Miami? Hmmm."	"Marion Barber makes four times as much money as I do. That ain't right, Jerry."
3 How are you feeling about the Bears' playoff hopes?	It would take a miracle to get in now. The good news is they just happen to know a guy ...	As hopeful as the Cubs are of landing Albert Pujols.	Same way my stomach feels after eating those new smoked sausages from Dunkin' Donuts: #sick.	Remember when Joe Pesci is gonna be made and is led into an empty room in "Goodfellas"? Yeah. That.	Just seeing the word "playoffs" fills my mouth with bile. So, not good.
4 What could stop the Green Bay Packers from going undefeated?	What's going to stop the Colts from going defeated? #suckforluck	Aaron Rodgers' commercial shooting schedule.	Don't worry, some players from the University of Cincinnati told me they can handle our "little problem."	Large reconstructed Optimus Prime to overtake Lambeau Field on Christmas Day. A man can dream.	An asteroid the size of Texas, scheduled to collide with Earth in 18 days.
5 Why was Tom Brady arguing with his offensive coordinator?	Don't question it. Just enjoy it.	Some Ugg-ly play calling.	It was something about chocolate dessert. Brady clearly mouthed the words, "No ... FUDGE TOO!"	Coordinator blaming Brady's interception on new haircut; Brady angrily denouncing older flowing locks.	If your defense made Rex Grossman look like Joe Montana, you'd have a hissy fit too.

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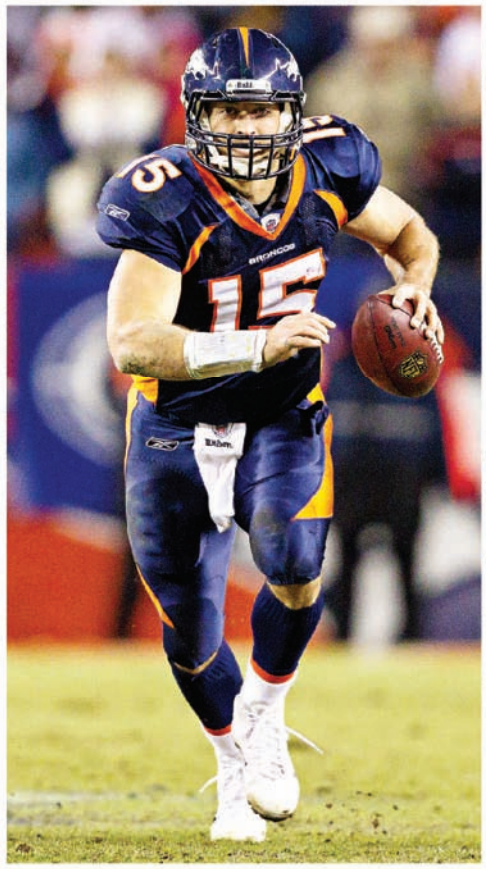
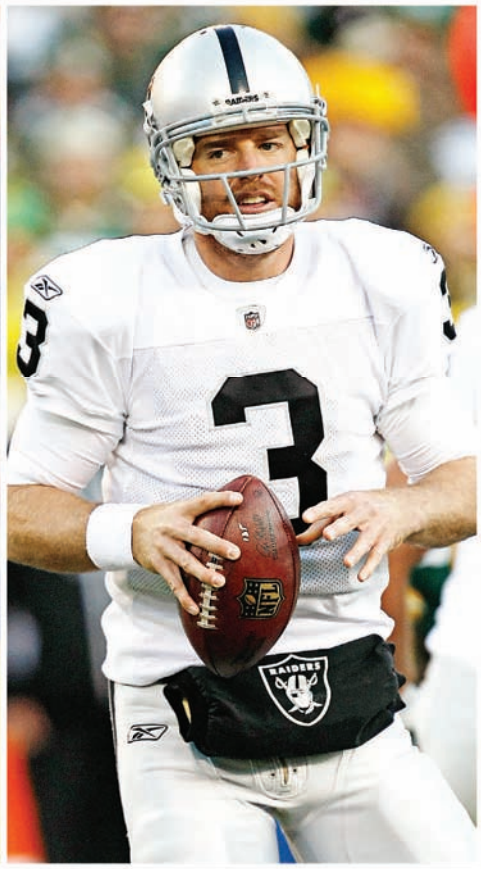
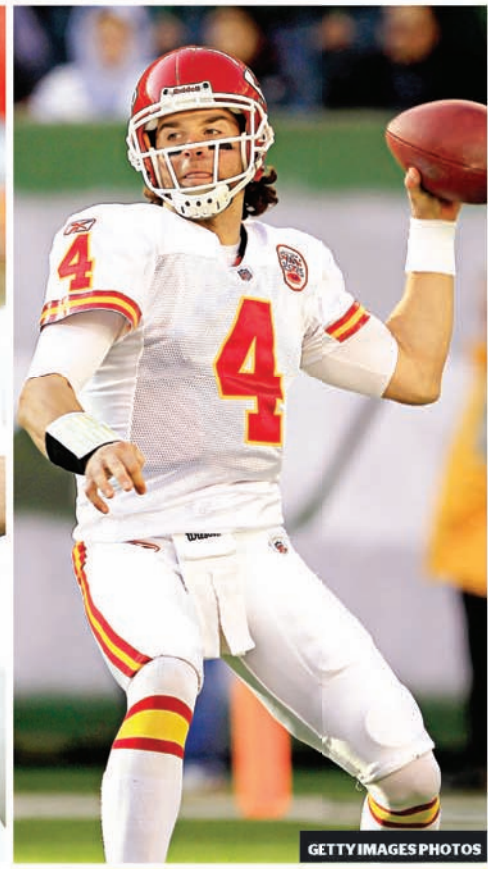
How low can they go?

Three strikes—and the Bears might be out of the playoff hunt

The Bears should be ashamed of themselves. Not only have they lost three straight—all but ruining their playoff hopes—but those defeats have come against quarterbacks of questionable quality. Here's how we rank the low points of the past three weeks. REDEYE







GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

LOW
Tim Tebow *Denver*
Brian Urlacher sarcastically called the Broncos star a "good running back," but the bottom line is Tebow made huge plays Sunday. And he's done it to a bunch of teams; it's not like we didn't know he was capable of this.

LOWER
Carson Palmer *Oakland*
This guy sat out rather than play for Cincinnati, so the Bengals traded him to the Raiders. So even with no training camp, he still had enough in the tank to beat the Bears. Try not to vomit—again.

LOWEST
Tyler Palko *Kansas City*
Let's get this straight. In the two games prior to playing the Bears, Palko threw six interceptions, and the Bears couldn't even get one off him? AND they allowed him to complete a hail mary for the game's only touchdown? Beyond embarrassing.

DEC 13

BULLS ADVENT CALENDAR
The countdown has begun, Bulls fans. Today is Dec. 13; the Bulls open their season Dec. 25, so what better way to count down than with a Christmas-style Bulls advent calendar? Today's Day 13 gift: No. 13 himself, Joakim Noah! See the video version of our advent calendar at **redeyesportsguy.tumblr.com**.

THE DIGIT
$168.55 That's the average ticket price for a Bulls home game this season, according to sports ticket aggregator **tiqiq.com**. The highest average price? That would be the Miami Heat, at $314.46.

HOT DATES
DEC. 16/17 Think you've got what it takes to play pro soccer? Now's your chance to find out. The Chicago Fire will hold their fourth annual open tryouts Friday and Saturday at the Bridgeview Soccer & Sports Dome, 8900 S. 77th Ave., Bridgeview.

THE FINISH LINE » Bulls sign center Brian Scalabrine » Milwaukee agrees to three-year deal with former Cubs 3B Aramis Ramirez

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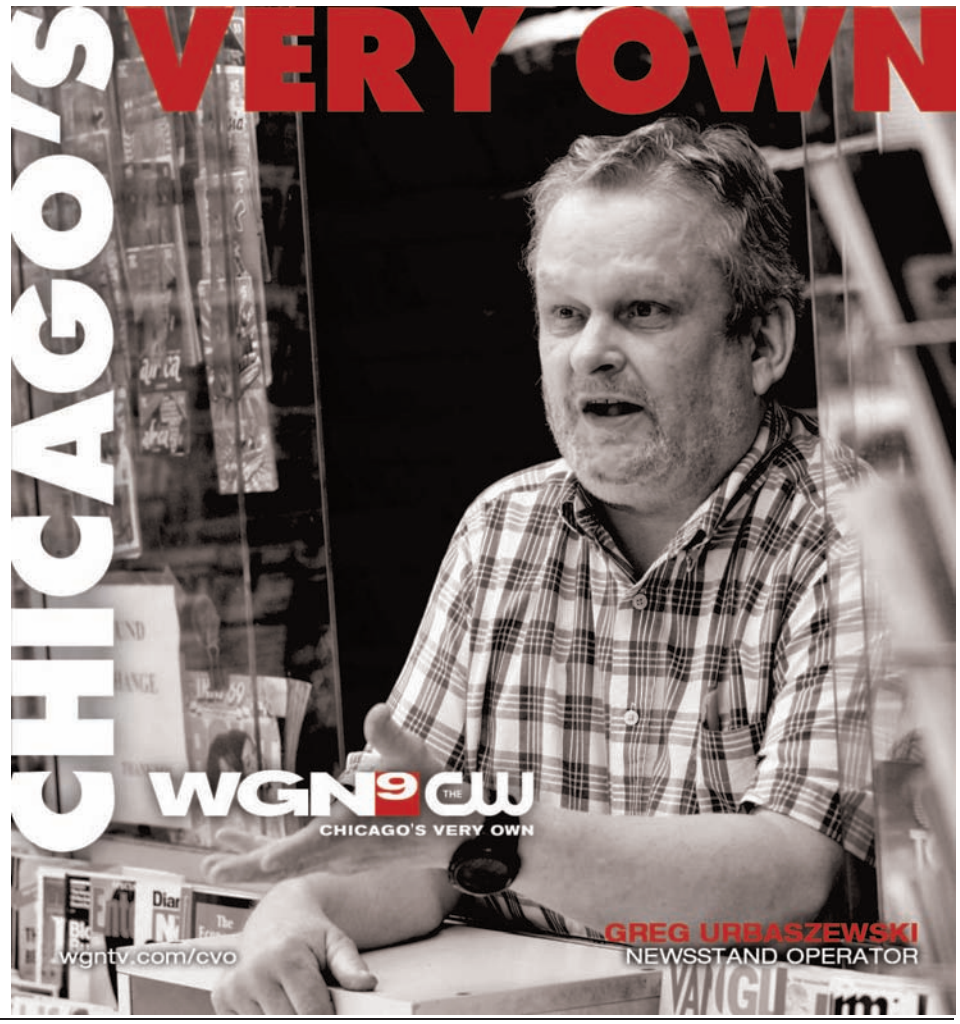

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- **Arthur Christmas** (PG) 4:45,9:40
- **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) 2:10,7:20
- **Hugo 3D** (PG) 6:30,9:25
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) 2:25,4:25,7:05,9:50
- **New Year's Eve** (PG–13) 2:20,4:20,7:00,9:45
- **The Sitter** (R) 2:15,5:30,7:45,10:00
- **The Muppets** (PG) 2:05,4:40,7:15,9:55

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)
2828 North Clark St., Chicago
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- **Shame** (NC–17) 1:40,2:45,4:05,5:10,6:45,7:40,9:15,10:10
- **The Descendants** (R) 1:20,2:00,3:55,4:40,6:40,7:20,9:20,10:00
- **My Week With Marilyn** (R) 1:30,4:20,7:10,9:30
- **Melancholia** (R) 1:00,4:00,7:00,9:55
- **The Skin I Live In** (R) 4:10,10:05
- **Martha Marcy May Marlene** (R) 1:35,7:35

CITY NORTH 14 (REGAL)
2600 N. Western Ave.
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- **The Sitter** (R) 12:00,2:10,4:30,6:45,9:00,11:20
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- **Happy Feet Two** (PG) 3:40,8:10
- **The Muppets** (PG) 11:40,1:50,2:30,4:40,5:15,7:50,10:35
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- **Immortals 3D** (R) 12:10,3:10,6:00,9:15
- **Hugo 3D** (PG) 12:30,3:30,6:30,9:30
- **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) 9:45 P.M.
- **NYC Ballet Presents George Balanchine's The Nutcracker Live** (NR) 5:00
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) (Open captioned) 3:45,10:00
- **The Sitter** (R) 11:30,1:40,4:00,6:15,8:30,10:45

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893

- **The Descendants** (R) 4:45,7:20,9:45
- **The Muppets** (PG) 4:40,7:00,9:20
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) 5:00,7:30,10:00
- **J. Edgar** (R) 4:15,7:00,9:50

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)
S. Cicero at 76th., Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
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- **Puss in Boots** (PG) 1:15,5:55,10:35
- **Puss in Boots 3D** (PG) 10:50,3:35,8:20
- **Immortals 3D** (R) 11:25,2:10,4:45,7:35,10:15
- **Hugo** (PG) 10:25,1:15,4:10,6:55,9:50
- **Arthur Christmas** (PG) 10:40,1:30,4:15,6:50,9:40
- **Happy Feet Two** (PG) 10:40,1:25,3:55,6:45,9:20
- **Pastorela** (R) 11:45,2:30,5:15,8:25
- **The Greatest Miracle 3D** (NR) 1:00,5:00
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- **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) 1:30,7:25
- **Hugo 3D** (PG) 10:35,4:20,9:45
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) 10:30,11:10,1:25,2:00,4:35,5:05,7:40,8:10,10:25
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- **The Sitter** (R) 10:30,12:50,3:10,5:30,7:50,10:05
- **The Muppets** (PG) 10:55,1:45,4:30,7:25,10:05
- **Jack and Jill** (PG) 10:15,12:30,2:50,5:05,7:35,10:05

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER
164 State Street
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- **The Science of Sleep** (R) 6:00 P.M.
- **The Guard** (R) 6:00 P.M.
- **Silent Souls** (NR) 8:00 P.M.

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- **Raiders of the Lost Ark** (PG) 5:00,7:20,9:45
- **Young Goethe in Love** (NR) 5:20,7:30,9:40

THE PATIO THEATER
6008 W. Irving Park Road
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- **Happy Feet Two** (PG) 7:30

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago
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- **Tower Heist** (PG–13) 11:00,1:35,4:15,7:15,9:55
- **Young Adult** (R) 11:15,12:00,12:45,1:45,2:30,3:15,5:00,5:45,7:30,8:15,9:15,10:00,10:45
- **Moneyball** (PG–13) 11:10,5:10,10:55
- AMC Independent **Like Crazy** (PG–13) 7:35,10:05
- **The Ides of March** (R) 2:20,8:25
- AMC Independent **The Descendants** (R) 11:35,1:20,2:30,4:20,5:20,7:15,8:15,10:15,11:00
- **Immortals 3D** (R) 11:05,1:50,4:35,7:20,10:10
- AMC Independent **My Week With Marilyn** (R) 11:10,1:40,4:05,6:40,9:20
- **J. Edgar** (R) 11:05,2:15,5:25,8:40
- **Hugo** (PG) 1:20,4:25
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- **NYC Ballet Presents George Balanchine's The Nutcracker Live** (NR) 5:00 P.M.
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- **The Muppets** (PG) 11:45,1:40,2:40,4:30,5:30,7:30,10:30
- **Jack and Jill** (PG) 11:50,2:05,4:35,7:00,9:30

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)
7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago
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- **Happy Feet Two: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG) 12:20,3:20,6:10,9:00
- **Tower Heist** (PG–13) 1:25,7:10
- **Puss in Boots** (PG) 12:35,3:10,5:45,8:20,10:55
- **A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas** (R) 10:30 P.M.
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- **Jack and Jill** (PG) 4:15,10:00

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
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- **The Sitter** (R) 12:10,1:10,2:30,3:30,4:50,5:50,6:40,7:10,8:10,9:00,10:30
- **Hugo** (PG) 4:20,10:10
- **Arthur Christmas** (PG) 4:45,9:35
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- **The Muppets** (PG) 12:40,1:20,3:40,4:10,7:00,9:40
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- **Hugo 3D** (PG) 12:30,3:20,6:20,9:15
- **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) 2:10,7:15
- **NYC Ballet Presents George Balanchine's The Nutcracker Live** (NR) 5:00

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)
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SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)
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- **Hugo 3D** (PG) 12:40,1:30,3:50,4:30,6:50,7:20,9:40,10:30
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- **New Year's Eve** (PG–13) ★ *VIP Premium 21+* 1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00

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"Justified"
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Walter Bishop
"Fringe"

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"The Walking Dead"
Lydia Adams
"SouthLAnd"

Tyrion Lannister
"Game of Thrones"
Carrie Mathison
"Homeland"

Clay Morrow
"Sons of Anarchy"
Victoria Grayson
"Revenge"

Neal Caffrey
"White Collar"
Kalinda Sharma
"The Good Wife"

Eric Northman
"True Blood"
Rory Williams
"Doctor Who"

Walter White
"Breaking Bad"
Constance Langdon
"American Horror Story"

Cut out our bracket and choose your favorite characters. Then go online to **showpatroltv.com** to vote!

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As 2011 comes to a close, pop culture pundits are putting together their lists of the year's best and worst in everything. And I'm no different, although I decided to get a little help from you.

RedEye and I asked readers, our followers on Twitter and Facebook, other TV pundits and friends who they think were the best characters on TV in 2011. With your help, we've come up with 16 contenders from comedies and 16 from dramas.

Now it's time to vote in RedEye's fourth (almost annual) Best TV Character Tournament.

So who will be the 2011 champ to follow 2010 winner Michael Westen (Jeffrey Donovan) from USA's "Burn Notice," 2008 victor Sir Guy of Gisborne (Richard Armitage) from BBC America's "Robin Hood," and holder of the original 2007 title, Lt. Kara "Starbuck" Thrace (Katee Sackhoff) from Syfy's "Battlestar Galactica?" That's up to you.

HOTLY CONTESTED RACES

As of Monday afternoon, these contests had the most votes:

130 votes:
Barney Stinson **78%**
VS.
Santana Lopez **21%**

120 votes:
Ron Swanson **70%**
VS.
Jess Day **29%**

119 votes:
Liz Lemon **79%**
VS.
Lester Patel **20%**

115 votes:
Charlie Kelly **90%**
VS.
Cathy Jamison **9%**

110 votes:
Eric Northman **62%**
VS.
Rory Williams **37%**

PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW

MEET RYAN MARKS

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Ryan Marks
29, Old Town
Gig: Director of operations/ co-owner of Big Onion Tavern Group

By Emily Van Zandt | REDEYE

As part of the team behind Chicago spots like 404 Wine Bar, The Irish Oak, Jack's Bar & Grill and Brunch, Ryan Marks has his hands in nearly every aspect of the bar biz. From deciding on liquor brands to designing lighting to creating the specials and applying for permits, Marks' days have been especially packed lately as the tavern group has prepared to open its latest venture, a sports bar called Derby in Lincoln Park. Marks took a break from his hectic schedule to fill us in on what to expect when Derby opens to the public Friday.

How did the Kentucky-theme concept for Derby come about?

Well, the concept has definitely evolved. We didn't realize what a great concept it was when we first started building. It was first concepted as a British gastropub ... but then all these gastropubs started popping up everywhere. We didn't want to jump on that bandwagon. We ended up hiring a GM who had been to 17 Kentucky Derbies; his family was from Louisville. So we had the idea to change the concept to racing in general with a focus on Southern culture and food.

How does the theme play into the look of the space?

The bar has a very Ralph Lauren look with dark woods, dark colors. We've incorporated jockey silks into the menus and hanging on the walls. I actually found on eBay a vintage derby car that will be hanging from the ceiling. There are so many exciting things around racing and events we can put on. We're hoping to shut down Magnolia Avenue for the Kentucky Derby, put up a jumbotron and throw a huge party.

What are some can't-miss menu items?

Definitely the Kentucky Hot Brown. It's prepared in a skillet ... a big thick pieces of bread with smoked turkey and smoked ham, open-faced and topped with a smoked gouda bechamel sauce, bacon and grilled tomato. The majority of our 24 beers on tap will be American craft brews. Definitely try the Abita Light that we'll have on tap.

How will Derby balance the restaurant and late-night scene in Lincoln Park?

You're going to see a change as the night goes on. In this neighborhood we're not denying the fact that there are going to be families coming in for dinner. As far as I know, this is going to be the nicest sports bars in the area. But it's going to turn around 9:30 or 10 p.m. We'll have DJs and live acoustic music. Right now we're in talks with several different groups for college and professional sports affiliations. This is an anybody type of sports bar—we've got more than 35 flatscreens.

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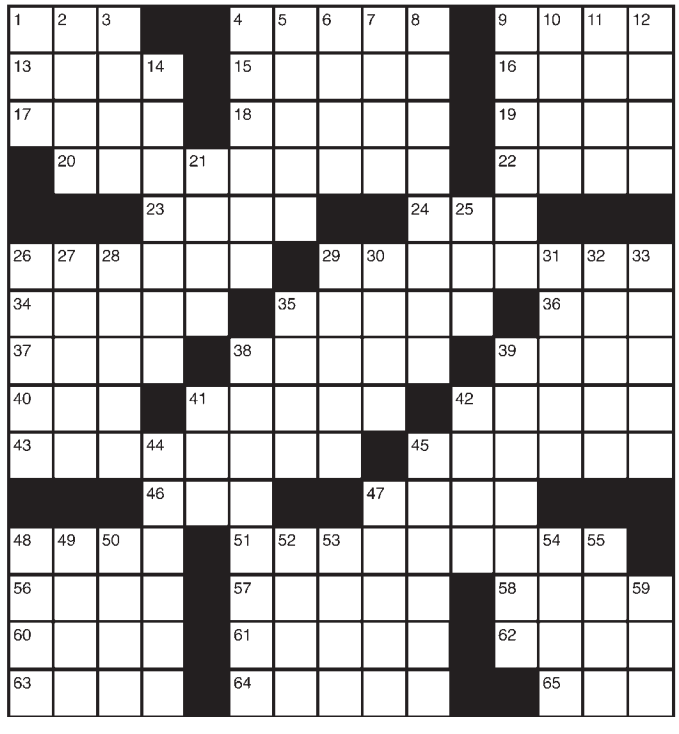
TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1996: President Bill Clinton nominated William Daley, brother of Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, to be commerce secretary.

2003: Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. forces while hiding in a hole under a farmhouse in Ad Dawr, Iraq, near his hometown of Tikrit.



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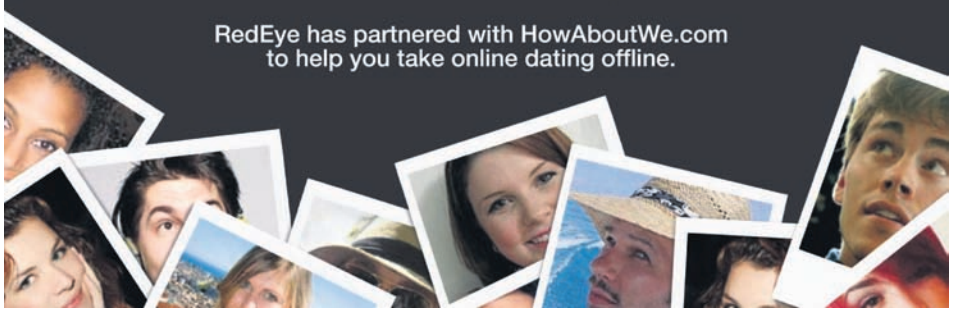

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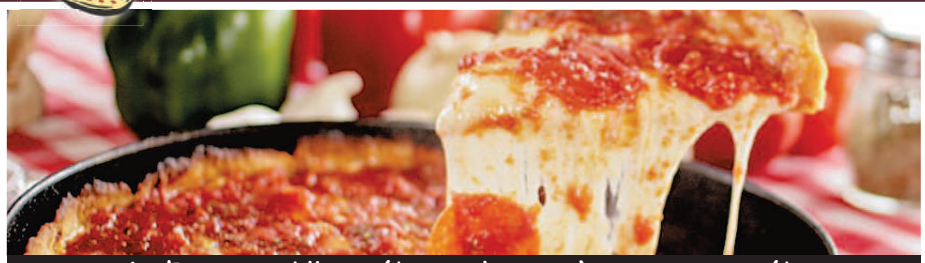

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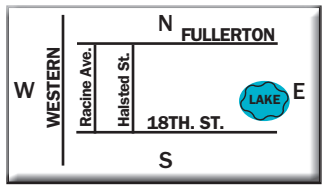

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MUSICAL MADNESS
Other cool Broadway shows coming to Chicago: "Mamma Mia" (Jan. 24-29), "The Book of Mormon" (opens Dec. 11, 2012), "Riverdance" (yes) (March 13-18)

American Idiot

Plot: Following the tribulations of three dudes who move from the suburbs to the big city, "American Idiot" evolved from Green Day's 2004 rock opera concept album of the same name.

AWESOMENESS: 1 2 3 4 5

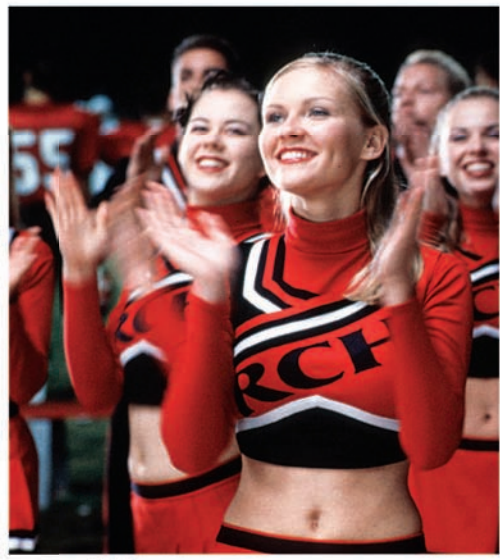
Not only was the "American Idiot" album picture-perfect for Broadway development, lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong has stepped into the show twice as St. Jimmy. Talk about life imitating art imitating life imitating ... etc. The show also won two Tony awards and was nominated for best musical of 2010. It hits Chicago from Feb. 7-19.

YEAH, BABY!

Does 'Austin Powers' have a place on the stage? These other musicals gave it a go...

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Shagadellic! "Austin Powers" may be headed to Broadway, with series creator Mike Myers in talks to help write the show, according to the New York Post. While this sounds better than those rumors about a fourth movie being in the works, will Austin "Danger's my middle name, baby" Powers translate to the stage? Check out these other pop culture phenomena that gave it a go. DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | @REDEYEDANA



Bring It On

Plot: She's sexy! She's cute! She's popular to boot! Cheer captain Torrance and the Toros battle rival high school cheer squad the Clovers, but *somebody* has been stealing cheer routines. Based on the 2000 movie.

AWESOMENESS: 1 2 3 4 5

What's better than a movie about cheerleaders? A stage show about singing cheerleaders who also do tumbling routines. This show hits Chicago from March 6-25, and we're way more excited about it than Cirque du Soleil.

Spider-Man: Turn off the Dark

Plot: Spidey woos his lady-love, Mary Jane, while battling the Green Goblin and other nefarious characters from the original comic-book series.

AWESOMENESS: 1 2 3 4 5

Has Spidey done well at the box office? Yep. Has the show also been fraught with problems, including injuries, a lawsuit and terrible first reviews? Also yep. But hey, U2 does the soundtrack, so who can say no?

Legally Blonde

Plot: Has anyone forgotten how to bend and snap? Elle Woods gets down with her pink self while somehow arguing a murder trial as a first-year law student in the stage version of the 2001 flick.

AWESOMENESS: 1 2 3 4 5

We still don't understand why Elle gets to defend an accused murderer. Also, the fact that MTV staged a reality show to cast the musical's star takes away a little stage cred. Although maybe this means Snooki could be in "Cats"...

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Ladies' night

If your New Year's Eve plans don't include bottle service, MTV has some teen queens to keep you company. Demi Lovato will co-host and Selena Gomez is among the musical guests slated to perform on the network's Dec. 31 special, **thr.com** reports. Expect to see J Cole, Jason Derulo and a big fat smooch for Selena from da Bieb at midnight.

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"I'm really looking forward to some time to do nothing. I imagine I'll be 25 or 26 by the time my next record comes out, as I haven't even thought about my third record yet."

—**Adele**, to Billboard, on the possibility of a third album

Snowed out

Do you care about Todd Palin's winning career on the snowmobiling racing circuit? Apparently neither do TLC owner Discovery Communications or A&E. Both networks have passed on former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's pitch for a reality series about her husband's snowy adventures, according to The Hollywood Reporter. But we're still holding out hope for a Bristol Palin special from MTV's "Teen Mom" series: "Teen Mom: I Almost Married a Guy Named Levi."

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Call me, Internet ... er, bro

Charlie Sheen is calling 555-OOPS. The warlock accidentally tweeted his phone number to each of his 5.5 million followers Monday, intending to send it as a direct message to Justin Bieber, **eonline.com** reports. *Why* he was trying to get Bieber to call him, we may never know ... or want to know.

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Meryl Streep's age, making her the oldest actress to ever be featured on the cover of Vogue. January's issue marks the first time Streep has been on the mag's cover.

'BRIDESMAIDS' ON TOP

The "Bridesmaids" can make another toast. The comedy made the American Film Institute's list of the top 10 movies of 2011, which was released Monday. Also on the list were "The Help," "The Descendants," "Midnight In Paris," "War Horse," "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo," "Hugo," "J. Edgar," "Moneyball" and "The Tree of Life."

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